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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONVENING A GAMBLING ADVISORY GROUP TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS THE  
IMPACTS OF GROWING ACCESS TO ONLINE AND ILLEGAL GAMBLING IN  
HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of all people in the United  
2 States now have easy access to the internet through computers,  
3 smart phones, and other platforms; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Americans illegally wagered tens of billions of  
6 dollars through online gambling platforms on sporting events in  
7 2017 and billions more on other games of chance; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the growth of numerous online gambling platforms  
10 allowing adults and minors to spend real money placing bets and  
11 buying chances to win something of value in online games of  
12 chance has begun to circumvent Hawaii's prohibitions on  
13 gambling; and  
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15           WHEREAS, numerous online gambling platforms have also been  
16 intentionally targeting and marketing games of chance to minors  
17 and employing online data collection to identify individuals who  
18 may psychologically be the most likely to maximize betting; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the impacts of growing access to online gambling  
21 have begun to have significant real-world consequences such as  
22 financial, psychological, and cognitive developmental problems,  
23 particularly among minors who have easy access to such  
24 platforms; now, therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
28 2019, that a Gambling Advisory Group is convened to examine and  
29 assess the impacts of growing access to online and illegal  
30 gambling in Hawaii; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gambling Advisory Group  
2 shall serve without compensation and be co-chaired by the Chairs  
3 of the House and Senate standing committees on Judiciary, and  
4 shall include the Attorney General or the Attorney General's  
5 designee, the Executive Director of the Office of Consumer  
6 Protection in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or  
7 the Executive Director's designee, the Director of Health or the  
8 Director's designee, a member with experience and background in  
9 public education, and any other members who may appointed by the  
10 co-chairs; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gambling Advisory Group is  
13 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
14 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
15 Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of  
16 the Regular Sessions of 2020 and 2021; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
19 Bureau is requested to assist in finalizing the reports and  
20 drafting any proposed legislation for the Gambling Advisory  
21 Group; provided that the Gambling Advisory Group's draft reports  
22 and proposed legislation are submitted to the Legislative  
23 Reference Bureau no later than September 1, 2019, and September  
24 1, 2020; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Attorney General,  
28 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Executive Director of  
29 the Office of Consumer Protection, Director of Health, and  
30 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

